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TEN KILOS OF COCAINE SEIZED ON N.Y.S. THRUWAY

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian today announced that Ruby Irene Maxwell, age 30, Seguin, Texas; Mary Ann Selgado, age 41, San Marcos, Texas; and Matthew Octavious Sandoval, age 33, Seguin, Texas, were charged by complaint in U.S. District Court in Syracuse with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 846 following their arrests Wednesday evening on the New York State Thruway near Exit 37 in the Town of Salina. Maxwell, Salgado and Sandoval were observed by DEA agents traveling easterly in a 2004 Oldsmobile Alero bearing Arkansas license plates. Their vehicle was identified by the agents as being associated with a mid-level member of the violent Mexican drug cartel known as Los Zetas. Following a stop of the vehicle by New York State Police, a drug canine dog alerted on the car for the presence of cocaine. A later search of the vehicle revealed 10 kilograms of cocaine hidden secret compartments inside the driver and passenger side of the vehicle.

If convicted, the offense carries a minimum sentence of ten years incarceration and a maximum of life and a fine of \$10 million dollars. The defendants have been remanded pending a detention hearing to be held in U.S. District Court on Friday, February 3, 2012. The charges and

allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The investigation was conducted by the Rochester/Syracuse Resident Offices of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the New York State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John G. Duncan.

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